of pay vary according to local conditions and the particular circumstances of the school.' In my own district, there are headmasters who get only Rs. 125, there are others whose pay goes up to Rs. 150 and others again whose pay goes up to Rs. 175, and in the neighbouring district the pay is Rs. 200. It does not seem that the variation is on any satisfactory basis. I request the hon. the Minister to see and bring about a uniform scale in districts which are really similar. I should like to know whether this matter is engaging the consideration of the hon. the Minister."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" The matter was considered some time back, and again it was carefully examined on receipt of the question from the hon. Member. The difficulty is that in certain districts and certain areas, there is a paucity of qualified teachers. In such cases we have to fix a standard different from the one where very many graduates are available, and so a uniform standard cannot be applied to every district For instance, in the Ceded districts we have to apply a different standard from the one applicable to the districts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly or Madura."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" That is my point also. I only want that in the same class of districts there should be some uniform rate. For example in the Ceded district itself there are different grades. In the Bellary district there are different scales for which there appears to be no justification. The same is the case in Anantapur and other districts."

11-15 a.m.

The Headmaster of the Municipal High School at Adoni.

*86 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have lent the services of any of their officers to act as headmaster of the Municipal High School at Adoni from 1922;

(b) whether the Government in the beginning were defraying the cost of the contribution that had to be made towards his pension ; and

(c) whether they have since asked the municipality to bear that cost and, if so, the reasons for the change in the policy of the Government?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Government as a special case and in view of the unsatisfactory financial condition of the municipality authorized the inclusion of the extra cost to municipal funds on account of the employment of M.R.Ry. B. A. Kameswara Rao in the net cost of the school which was to be met from provincial funds. This concession was limited to the two years, 1921–22 and 1922–23. It is not usual for Government to bear the leave and pensionary charges of officers who are transferred to foreign service.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether, as the same teacher continues there the Government will be pleased to continue to bear the pensionary contribution as they have been doing so long ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" The answer is already given there and I am not in a position to add anything more to it."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The headmaster is the same person that has been lent by them. In the answer it is stated the contribution was for two years. I am now asking if the Government may not continue the contribution in his case as there is no change in the personnel."

The Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination.

* 87 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the principles governing the selection of chief and assistant examiners for Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of appointing senior assistants in the high schools as chief superintendents in the examination halls?

A.—(*a*) The main principles which govern the selection of the chief and assistant examiners for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificates public examination are—

(1) that the persons selected are competent to be examiners ;

(2) that in order to ensure continuity of work and invariability of standard, at least the majority of the chief examiners in any year should be retained for the succeeding year ;

(3) that all secondary schools in the Presidency are, so far as is possible, represented on the Board by members of their staff as chief examiners or as assistant examiners ;

(4) in order to give effect to (3) supra, assistant examiners are selected generally from among those who were not appointed previously, and that if any exception is to be made, it is laid down that the persons so selected should not have acted as assistant examiners within the past five years. The appointment is also usually made for only one year at a time ; and

(5) Chief examinerships should not ordinarily be held by the same person for more than three consecutive years.

(*b*) No, as principals or headmasters of high schools are available.

Increments to Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 88 *Q.*—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the annual increments due from 1st March 1925 to a number of officers in the cadre of deputy inspector of schools who are holding the posts permanently have been stopped by the Director of Public Instruction by an order issued after the date of the accrual on the ground of these officers not having passed the 2nd Vernacular test ;

(*b*) whether the order has been made to apply not merely to officers in the marginal limit of pay (viz., Rs. 100) contemplated to be provided for by the rules and notifications on the subject, but in addition, also to officers who have long ago crossed the limit ;

(*c*) whether the order has been made further applicable also to officers admitted into the selection grade, some of them being even on the verge of retirement ;